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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th Group 306th Bomb (H) ; Squadron 368th Bomb(H) ; ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as prescribed
Intended Destination Berlin, Germany ; Type of Mission heavy Bomb
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
7/10 clouds - poor visibility
- GIVE: (a) Date 24 May/44 ; Time 1108 ; and Location Vicinity of Berlin, Germany
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forced Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not Available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-32113
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-012000
(b) SW-011827 ; (c) SW-010558 ; (d) SW-010515
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
* (a) BLC-1528943 ; (b) BLC-1528761 ; (c) BLC-1528546 ; (d) BLC-1528649
(e) BLC-1528856 ; (f) BLC-1528793 ; (g) BLC-712904 ; (h) F-981962
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
or (b) ~~Missing in Action~~
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
<i>EVS</i> 1. Pilot - Pilot	<i>2</i> Ehrler, Robert H.	1st Lt	0-802844 <i>Paul</i>
<i>EVS</i> 2. Pilot - Co-Pilot	<i>2</i> Maynes, Alden D.	1st Lt	0-745443 <i>Paul</i>
<i>RMP</i> 3. Navigator - Navigator	<i>6</i> James, John W., Jr.	1st Lt	0-688445 <i>Paul</i>
<i>EVS</i> 4. Bombardier - Nose Gunner	<i>4</i> Gustafson, Burton C.	1st Lt	0-681537 <i>Paul</i>
<i>EVS</i> 5. Aer. Eng - Top Tur Gun.	<i>2</i> Pratt, Paul J.	T/Sgt	18134702 <i>Paul</i>
<i>DED</i> 6. Radio Opr. - Radio Opr.	<i>2</i> Ferns, Ben B., Jr.	T/Sgt	34407112 <i>Paul</i>
<i>KIA</i> 7. Arm Gun. - Ball Tur Gun.	<i>1</i> Abbatiello, Gaetano C.	S/Sgt	32110918 <i>KIA</i>
<i>KIA</i> 8. Arm Gun. - Waist Gun.	<i>1</i> Predko, Chester J.	S/Sgt	16088152 <i>KIA</i>
<i>KIA</i> 9. Arm Gun. - Tail Gun.	<i>1</i> Hay, John C., Jr.	S/Sgt	20800116 <i>KIA</i>

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME.

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted By Radio	Check Only One Column		
				Lost Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>REECE, William E. Jr.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-809873</u>		<u>X</u>		

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes ; (b) persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES

